

EVEN FINES FALL \$200,000, JUSTICE BUREAU REVEALS

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**1,000 More Violators Brought
Into Federal Court Last
6 Months of 1928**

2,400 FEWER PENALTIES

**Total of 27,575 Cases Are Tried,
With Guilty Verdicts in
23,683**

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP).—Prohibition violations brought into Federal courts, were about 1,000 more in number during the last six months of 1928 than during the corresponding period of 1927.

Statistics made public by the Department of Justice today showed, however, that individual convictions were about 2,400 fewer and fines assessed about \$200,000 less during the latter period.

A total of 27,575 cases were tried during the last half of 1928, the report showed, with 23,683 convictions and \$3,222,146 assessed in fines.

A total of 3,205 years' imprisonment was imposed in sentences during the 1928 period, while the total for the months of 1927 was 3,472.

Compared with the same months of 1925, there were about 5,000 more cases instituted and about 9,000 more than in 1926. Fines were about \$30,000 less than for the 1925 period and \$600,000 more than for the 1926 period.

Steady decreases in cases, fines and assessments during the three years, the report showed, have occurred in Southern California districts, Western North Carolina, Middle Tennessee, and the first and second divisions of Alaska. Consistent increases were made in Connecticut, Middle Georgia, Northern and Eastern Illinois, and Hawaii.

Compared with the preceding year, the following districts showed a decrease in all three items: Northern Alabama, Delaware, Southern Georgia, Indiana, Northern Iowa, Western Louisiana, Southern Mississippi, Eastern Missouri, Nebraska, Northern Oklahoma, Utah, and Northern and Southern West Virginia.

The following districts showed increases in all items listed, comparing the months of 1928 and 1927: Eastern and Western Arkansas, Northern California, Eastern and Western Kentucky, Eastern, Middle and Western Pennsylvania, Eastern South Carolina, and Eastern Wisconsin.

More Dry Cases, But Fines Drop

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**Federal Courts Report, How-
ever, Shows Jersey Convic-
tions Go Higher**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Although about 1,000 more prohibition cases were brought into the federal courts in the latter half of 1928 than in the same period of 1927, the Department of Justice finds that 2,400 fewer individual convictions resulted and \$200,000 less was assessed in fines.

The 1928 figures are placed at 27,575 cases tried, 23,682 convictions, \$3,222,146 assessed in fines and 3,205 years imposed in prison sentences. The sentence figures compared with 3,472 years in the last six months of 1927.

In New Jersey 379 cases were instituted in the 1928 period compared with 216 the previous year. The convictions were 302 and 123, respectively, for the same periods and the fines assessed were \$27,910 and \$15,912.

In the corresponding periods of 1925 and 1926 the statistics show that 5,000 and 9,000 fewer cases, respectively, were brought into the courts than in 1928. The total of fines in the 1928 period was \$30,000 less than that in 1925, but \$600,000 more than in 1926.